

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 and cancel claim 7 without any prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter expressed therein as indicated in the complete listing of all claims in the application set forth below.

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An orally efficacious and prolonged duration of action inclusion complex, consisting essentially of an opioid peptide of L-Tyrosyl-D-alanyl-glycyl-N-methylphenylalanyl-glycyl-isopropylamide and a cyclodextrin derivative, wherein said inclusion complex is effective when administered orally to a patient in need thereof, and wherein the molar ratio between said L-Tyrosyl-D-alanyl-glycyl-N-methylphenylalanyl-glycyl-isopropylamide and said cyclodextrin derivative is 1:5 to 2:1.

Claim 2. (Previously Amended) Inclusion complex as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cyclodextrin derivative is selected from beta cyclodextrin, hydroxypropyl-beta cyclodextrin, dimethyl-beta cyclodextrin, and hydroxyethyl-beta-cyclodextrin.

Claim 3. (Previously Amended) Inclusion complex as claimed in claim 1 comprising L-Tyrosyl-D-alanyl-glycyl-N-methylphenylalanyl-glycyl-isopropylamide with beta-cyclodextrin.

Claim 4. (Previously Amended) Inclusion complex as claimed in claim 1 comprising L-Tyrosyl-D-alanyl-glycyl-N-methylphenylalanyl-glycyl-isopropylamide with hydroxyethyl beta-cyclodextrin.

Claim 5. (Original) Inclusion complex as claimed in claim 1 comprising L-Tyrosyl-D-alanyl-glycyl-N-methylphenylalanyl-glycyl-isopropylamide with hydroxypropyl beta-cyclodextrin.

Claim 6. (Previously Amended) Inclusion complex as claimed in claim 1 comprising L-Tyrosyl-D-alanyl-glycyl-N-methylphenylalanyl-glycyl-isopropylamide with dimethyl beta-cyclodextrin.

Claim 7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (Previously Amended) Pharmaceutical compositions consisting essentially of a therapeutically effective amount of inclusion complex of L-Tyrosyl-D-alanyl-glycyl-N-methylphenylalanyl-glycyl-isopropylamide with the cyclodextrin derivative as claimed in claim 1 having improved analgesic activity with longer duration of action as compared with the free peptide.

Claim 9. (Original) Pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 8 having potential for clinical application as an analgesic.

Claim 10. (Previously Canceled)

Claim 11. (Previously Amended) A method for the treatment of acute inflammations and for alleviating pain comprising the step of administration of a pharmaceutical composition containing the inclusion complex as claimed in claim 1 to a patient in need thereof.

Claims 12-13. (Previously Canceled)

Claim 14. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 11 for the treatment of acute inflammations and for alleviating pain, which comprises an oral administration of inclusion complex of L-Tyrosyl-D-alanyl-glycyl-N-methylphenylalanyl-glycyl-isopropylamide with said cyclodextrin derivative.

Claim 15. (Previously Amended) A method for the treatment of acute inflammations and for alleviating pain, which comprises a topical application of inclusion complex of L-Tyrosyl-D-alanyl-glycyl-N-methylphenylalanyl-glycyl-isopropylamide with the cyclodextrin derivative as claimed in claim 1.